

**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**District No. 70**

**Libertyville, Illinois**

**November 28, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, November 28, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mr. Tom Vickers, Board President.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Damenti, Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Vickers.

Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Valentin, Dr. Bean, Mr. Youngman, Mrs. Imholz, Dr. Otto, Robin Kollman, and guests.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 24, 2016, the Interfund Transfer Hearing of October 24, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2016, and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 575,831.23
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 109,877.43
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 2,179,327.09
D. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 184,700.97
E. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$
F. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 364,657.49
G IMPREST	\$ 1,471.15

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Damenti, Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Vickers. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of OCTOBER 2016:

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A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,645,541.62
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 92,631.97
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$

TOTAL: \$ 1,738,173.59

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers and Mrs. Damenti. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no requests at this time.

**REPORT FROM DR. W. GUY SCHUMACHER**

Dr. Schumacher reported on the following:

- A. Congratulations to Dr. Kurt Valentin as the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has placed Libertyville SD 70 on its "Financial Recognition" list. ISBE rates school districts on their fund balance and expenditure-to-revenue ratios, days of cash on hand, and percentage of remaining short and long term borrowing ability. Of Illinois' 857 school districts, 568, or 66 percent, earned the state's "Financial Recognition" designation, suggesting they are fiscally sound.
- 196 (23 percent) are considered under "Financial Review"
  - 61 (7 percent) are given an "Early Warning"
  - 32 (4 percent) are under "Financial Watch," including Chicago Public Schools and seven others in the Metro-East. In Lake County, 35 of the county's 45 school districts (77.78 percent) earned the designation of "Financial Recognition."
- B. The annual Health and Life Safety Inspection summary is complete. Congratulations to both Rockland School and Highland Middle School for showing Full Compliance. Minor infractions include installation of a quad electrical outlet in the boiler room at Adler Park School, replacement of an exit sign and installation of a ceiling tile at Butterfield School, and the clearing of some hallway items at Copeland Manor School. In that Recognition Status is pending, all conditions have been addressed with the Regional Office of Education.
- C. In a recent correspondence from Jan Hastings, Student Service Coordinator with Cook Memorial Public Library, Dr. Schumacher shared names of the winners of the 2016 Design a Bookmark Contest. Winners received a letter from Cook Library District and are invited to

a reception set for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Of the 740 K-8 entries, in Kindergarten, District 70 has a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Luca Figurelli at Butterfield School, in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, another 1<sup>st</sup> place winner at Butterfield School, Charlotte Harrison, in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, an Honorable Mention for Abby Neff at Copeland Manor School, in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners include, Bridget Benes and Jordan Murphy, also from Butterfield School, and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, Highland's Hayley Bates. Congratulations to all winners, the many students who entered the contest and the staff and parents that guided and supported them in this endeavor.

- D. It was wonderful to read the letter shared by Steve Feldman who assisted in the coordination of candy collection by four of our schools. Adler Park, Copeland Manor, Rockland and Highland Middle School joined in the commitment toward sending Halloween candy to Operation North Pole, spreading the Spirit of the Holidays to families and children of need. The collection brought in 1,482.4 pounds of candy for Lollipop Lane, a celebration of giving set for December 10th. The event was started five years ago and this collection is considered the largest contribution in the history of the event. Dr. Schumacher stated that Butterfield School also offers a collection as well so a special thank you to our students, parents and staff for supporting these organizations.
- E. It was an honor to receive a plaque from the National Inventors Hall of Fame, recognizing Libertyville School District 70 for sharing the vision of inspiring students and educators through Camp Invention. Camp Invention is a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame using inquiry based Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to strengthen aspects of the Applications of Learning, creative problem solving skills, inventive thinking and teamwork. Ultimately the goal is to drive the next generation to become innovators that leave a mark on society. The plaque is considered a symbol of our valued partnership with the National Association and offered with gratitude for District 70's support and dedication to fostering the next generation of great minds. Once again, we welcome the program this summer and thank previous leadership, Cheryl Crenshaw, Katie Nyland and current Director, Jenae DeRue for their dedication to bringing Camp Invention to District 70.
- F. Each year Dr. Schumacher is continually grateful for the letters of appreciation shared with him from 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who attended Highland Middle School's Outdoor Education experience, and while almost every year, Mr. Hallmark and Dr. Schumacher reviewed it's significance, the emails solidified the experience and offerings were made available to the students. (Examples were shared at this month's meeting.) A special thank you was extended to each and every staff and coordinating team members, as it is them who deserved such tribute.
- G. And while Dr. Schumacher shared thanks at this special time of year, he wanted to recognize that on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois Association of School Boards recognized all Board of Education members for School Board Appreciation Day. Posted on our website is a quote offered, "Libertyville School District 70 is *privileged* to have seven highly competent and extremely dedicated School Board members; **Julie Damenti, Greta Hoff, Chris Kennedy, Linda Lucke, Wendy Schilling, Luke Stowe and Tom Vickers**, serving our students, staff and community."

"Committed to student success, facilities that meet the needs of the learning community, and dedicated to a vision of continuous improvement, our school board members work effectively to address the goals and objectives set for the district at large. Their intelligence and dedication is greatly admired and highly valued." "It is an honor to work closely with such a conscientious set of positive leaders." On behalf of D70 administration and staff, Board of Education members were presented with a token of appreciation.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve personnel recommendation contained in this Board Report No. 7.1A.

**NEW EMPLOYMENT:** **Mark Preisser**, Lunchroom Supervisor at Copeland, effective November 21, 2016; **Marie Williams**, Lunchroom Supervisor at Copeland, effective November 21, 2016; **Joy Morgan**, Lunchroom Supervisor at Rockland, effective November 21, 2016. **CHANGE IN STATUS:** **Gerry Carollo**, from Summer School Principal to Summer School Director, effective immediately. **FMLA:** **Becca Kassebaum**, EIP Classroom Teacher at Butterfield, affirming request received October 27, 2016, effective on or about February 13, 2017, for twelve (12) weeks.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti and Mrs. Hoff. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

No policies were scheduled for approval this month.

### **APPROVAL OF 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adopt as its school calendar that which appears as EXHIBIT I of this Board Report No. 7.3 which is consistent with the provisions of the Illinois School Code and that said calendar become a portion of the minutes of this meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2017 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lucke, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education table the District 70 Summer School proposal. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF 2016 TAX LEVY**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolutions contained in the Board Report 7.3 setting the 2016 Tax Levy be adopted as written. I further move that the Board President and Secretary be authorized to sign the Certificates of Tax Levy and the Tax Resolutions as presented within this report.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Lucke, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mrs. Hoff and Mr. Kennedy. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adopt the 2017-2018 textbook rental fee schedule including the Technology Fee in the following amounts: Kindergarten \$95.00, Grades 1-5 \$95.00, and Grades 6-8 \$110.00.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Lucke. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2009 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE) PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Lucke, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2009 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY 5:100, 7:250 AND 7:290, AND NEW POLICY 6:270**

To accurately reflect recent legislation and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following Board of Education Policies: **5:100 – General Personnel:** Staff Development Program, **7:250 – Students:** Student Support Services, **7:290 – Students:** Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs, and new policy **6:270 – Instruction:** Social Work and School Psychology Services.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE**

Dan Gilbert, Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities shared an update regarding District 70 maintenance projects, plans and developments for school sites.

**MINI-GRANT AWARDS**

Dr. Schumacher welcomed Partners for Excellence in Education administrative participants; Kerri Bongle, Jeff Knapp, Lori Poelking and Megan Russell, to share results of the 2016-2017 District 70 Mini-Grant Awards. Thirty-six grants, totaling more than \$15,500 were recognized for approval by the collective group of D70 business partners.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1**

- A. Board President Tom Vickers opened up the floor for discussions from those who had recently attended the Triple I Conference. He said the sessions were great and encouraged board members to participate each year.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Day on November 15:

- A. Gift certificates from Main Street Libertyville and schoolhouse designed cookies were presented by superintendent, Dr. Guy Schumacher.
- B. Thank you notes were received from administrators, faculty and staff of District 70 schools.
- C. Highland Middle School sixth graders that participated in the “*Highland Outdoor Education Program*” sent thank you notes to the board. Mrs. Schilling, board member and participant in this event, also shared her wonderful and exciting experience.

**OTHER**

- A. The Board received an invitation to a “Classy Breakfast” at Highland Middle School on Friday, Dec. 2.
- B. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled on Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the unveiling of the Copeland Manor gymnasium.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Vickers, Board President

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Luke Stowe, Board Secretary